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SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

On May 18, 2006, Applicants' representative, Ron Schoenbaum, conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Felten regarding the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on April 20, 2006. In that Notice, the Examiner asserted that the Amendment filed on March 21, 2002 (the "Amendment") fails to comply with Rule 111 because it fails to explain how each newly added dependent claim is distinct from the cited art. During the interview, Mr. Schoenbaum explained that the Amendment points out how each independent claim—and thus each dependent claim—is distinct from the prior art. Mr. Schoenbaum also explained his position that Rule 111 does not require Applicants to present separate arguments with respect to each of the dependent claims. Examiner Felten agreed to withdraw the Notice and to consider the Amendment.